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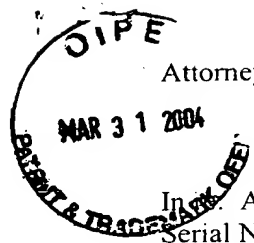
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In re: Aiken, Jr., et al.

Serial No.: 09/640,409

Filed: August 17, 2000

For: **METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
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**PETITION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONSIDER PREVIOUSLY FILED
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Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and 1 cited reference (Appendix A) on March 17, 2004. This submission included a self-addressed return postcard, which was returned indicating receipt of the above items at the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 18, 2004 (Appendix B).

A Notice of Allowance for the present case was mailed on March 19, 2004. Thus, the Information Disclosure Statement dated March 17, 2004 was filed before the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement of March 17, 2004, and return of an initialed form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement of March 17, 2004.

It is not believed that a fee is required for the present petition. In the event, however, that a fee is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

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